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Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly at the request of Saint Lucia.

2. At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 13th and 16th meetings, on 25 and 29 October 2004. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/59/SR.13 and 16).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/59/233).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.7

5. At the 13th meeting, on 25 October, the representative of Saint Lucia, on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname, subsequently joined by Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/59/L.7).

6. At its 16th meeting, on 29 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.7 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States,

1. *Decides* to invite the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.